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Dear Joe: JMS

Here I am, trespassing  
once more on your busy day.

The last paragraph  
of my letter of 25 April was  
prepared on the basis of a  
very hasty check-up, and  
a further study of the records  
has shown that some errors  
were made in that particular  
final paragraph.

Here is a copy of the  
letter of 25 April, with the  
offending paragraph marked.

Here, also, is a copy  
of a revised statement on  
the same subject. I hope  
(over, please)

most earnestly, that  
you can find time to  
glance at the marked  
passages in the new  
tabular statement, and  
perhaps also at the  
tables of colleges and  
universities on page 2  
of this new statement.

With sincere regards,  
Faithfully yours,  
Jerry T. R.

Dr. Joseph H. Willits  
Director for the Social Sciences  
The Rockefeller Foundation

*In part*

CONFIDENTIAL  
25 April 1947

Dear Dr. Willits:

President Fackenthal has requested the support of the Rockefeller Foundation for a program proposed by the Russian Institute, for advanced training and research in the field of Russian studies. This new program is designed for a limited number of men of outstanding ability who are more mature than most of the students now registered in the Institute.

I believe the character of our present student body indicates that the Russian Institute has already become a national center of training and research in the Russian field.

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The data in the following five numbered paragraphs should be regarded as confidential:

1. Twenty-four officers of the Army are now carrying programs at the University which include a substantial amount of work in the Institute. Four of these officers are members of the teaching staff at West Point; ten other officers (known as Group I), assigned by the War Department, came to the University in February 1946, and are shortly to terminate their work here; finally, a new group of ten officers (Group II), also assigned by the War Department, embarked upon the full first-year program of the Institute when we opened in September, 1946. For the coming academic year, the Army has

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tentatively reserved five places in the Institute for the five best officers now here in Group II, as well as ten places for officers who will register with us for the first time next September (as Group III). The assignment of five selected officers from Group II for a second year of work in the Institute is a particularly encouraging development. Recently an officer of the Army Air Corps (a colonel on active duty) has applied separately for admission to the Institute, under the auspices of the Air University. It is probable that again next year several officers from the teaching staff of West Point will be taking some work in the Institute.

2. A Lieutenant Commander of the Navy has recently written unofficially to the Institute, on his own initiative, saying that he will attempt to prepare the way for the assignment of from one to three Naval officers for work in the Institute next year.

3. The Department of State has tentatively reserved places for four Foreign Service Officers to be sent to the Institute next year. One of these officers has recently returned from duty with the Embassy in Moscow.

4. Two men associated with the Institute (one a candidate for the certificate, and the other a part-time student) are now in Europe as members of the Secretariat of the United Nations Balkan Investigating Commission.

5. One civilian and his wife are being maintained full time in the Institute by an air line which plans to utilize their services in Russia. This civilian is now temporarily in Moscow, with Secretary Marshall's Mission.

It is requested that the information in the five numbered paragraphs above be regarded as confidential.

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The total number of registrations in all the courses of the Institute is now 568. This number includes students from many different parts of the University.

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The number of civilians who are taking the full program of the Institute (as candidates for its two-year certificate), and are at the same time studying for advanced degrees in other schools or departments of the University, is sixty-four. As the attached table will show, these students are from 23 states; they hold bachelor's degrees from 38 colleges and universities; 35 of them had done some graduate work, at 19 different graduate schools, before coming to the Russian Institute, and 19 of these had already received advanced degrees. These figures give evidence of the position the Russian Institute is gaining as a national center of training and research in the field of Russian studies.

Faithfully yours,

Gercid T. Robinson  
Director

Letter of 25 Apr.



# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

## CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE OF THE RUSSIAN INSTITUTE

Home states, undergraduate institutions, and graduate schools represented by the 62 candidates. The purpose in making the tabulation was to determine the extent to which the Russian Institute now has a nationally representative student body.

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### I. Home States

The home addresses of the 62 candidates represent 22 states and the District of Columbia. The number from each state is given below.

New York City (five boroughs)	20	Alabama	1
New York State (exclusive of N.Y.C.)	5	California	1
Massachusetts	5	Connecticut	1
Illinois	3	Indiana	1
Pennsylvania	3	Kentucky	1
Arkansas	2	Nebraska	1
Colorado	2	New Hampshire	1
District of Columbia	2	New Jersey	1
Georgia	2	Rhode Island	1
Michigan	2	Tennessee	1
Missouri	2	Washington (state)	1
Ohio	2	Wisconsin	1

### II. Undergraduate Institutions

The 62 candidates received their bachelor's degrees from 37 colleges and universities; the distribution of these degrees is indicated below.

A number of the candidates divided their undergraduate work between two or more colleges or universities, but the list below includes only the last institution where the candidate studied as a civilian undergraduate, and where he received his bachelor's degree.

Many of the candidates undertook special programs of study while in the military or naval service. However, the standards maintained in these programs were not always representative of those of the academic institutions where the special work was conducted, and the candidate who took only a special military or naval program at a given institution could not always be said to represent that institution. In the table below, no account is taken of work done by candidates, under special programs, while in the military or naval service.

Columbia	8	Temple	1
Cornell	5	Trinity	1
Harvard	4	U. of Alabama	1
Brown (and Pembroke)	3	U. of Arizona	1
C.C.N.Y.	3	U. of Denver	1
Colorado	3	U. of Kansas	1
Swarthmore	3	U. of Mississippi	1
Smith	2	U. of Pittsburgh	1
U. of Chicago	2	U. of Rochester	1
U. of Michigan	2	U. of Tennessee	1
Bowdoin	1	U. of Washington	1
Creighton	1	U. of Wisconsin	1
Dartmouth	1	Vassar	1
Emory	1	Wabash	1
Hendrix	1	Wellesley	1
Hiram	1	Wesleyan	1
Millsons	1	Western Reserve	
Missouri State Teachers	1	(Cleveland College)	1
Rutgers	1	Williams	1

### III. Graduate Institutions

Before entering the Institute exactly half of the candidates (31 out of 62) had previously engaged in graduate study, in 18 different graduate schools, and 18 of these students had already received advanced degrees.

Seven of the candidates had divided their earlier graduate work between two institutions; hence the total number of graduate registrations by the candidates, before coming to the Institute, was 38. The distribution of these 38 registrations among 18 graduate schools is shown below.

For the reasons indicated under "II" above, the table takes no account of work done by candidates, under special programs, while in the military or naval service.

Columbia (prior to entering the		Radcliffe	1
Russian Inst. in Sept. 1946)	14	School of Advanced	
U. of Chicago	4	International Studies	1
Harvard (incl. 2 Harvard Law)	3	U. of Alabama	1
Cornell	2	U. of Denver	1
U. of Wisconsin	2	U. of Illinois	1
Fletcher School of Law		U. of Michigan	1
and Diplomacy	1	U. of North Carolina	1
Fordham	1	U. of Southern California	1
New School for Social Research	1	U. of Washington	1
Northwestern	1		

M.A. degree	13
M.S. "	4
M.B.A. "	1
LL.B. "	1